

EXTRA

ALL THE LATEST NEWS
SIGN THE PETITION.

It Is the Mainstay of Metropolitan Baseball.

The Prospects of a Favorable Decision Are Bright.

The Great Amusement-Loving Public Emphatically Says, "Save the Polo Grounds."

THE EVENING WORLD Polo Ground Petition is growing formidable. To the 10,000 petitions acknowledged by Alderman Dwyer thousands of others will be added to-morrow.

The baseball public is speaking with enthusiasm and emphasis through THE EVENING WORLD blanks. Every mail is crowded with the signed petitions. Hundreds of enthusiasts have not only signed the blanks themselves, but have zealously circulated them among their friends, and many lists, containing several hundred names apiece, are now coming in. The late mails to-day will doubtless bring many reinforcements to this enormous array of petitions.

The Board of Aldermen to-morrow will have no doubt left in their minds as to the sentiment of the public in favor of retaining the Polo Grounds for this year, and, true to the wishes of their constituents as thus expressed, they may be expected to take favorable action.

Indeed, in the divisions of the property-owners, and in view of the fact that the grading of One Hundred and Eleventh street was to be a useless work before the laying of the sewer (an application for which will not be made until Oct. 1), there seems to be no good grounds for action adverse to the Polo Grounds.

The offer of the Metropolitan Exhibition Company to give \$10,000 in cash to the metropolitan charities, in consideration of favorable action, removes the only objection that remains. This sum is certainly a liberal sum upon the small portion of public property included in the Polo Grounds.

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NO LONDON FIGHT.

The Smith-Mitchell Battle with Gloves "Postponed."

A Severe Injury to Smith's Foot Is Given as the Cause.

The News Received with Disappointment and Suspicion on This Side.

The following cable was received at the Police Gazette office to-day:

LONDON, April 1, 1889.

Richard K. Fox and Smith, battle encounter has been postponed, not through any fault of Mitchell's, but owing to a severe injury to Smith's foot, which was inflicted by a fall from a horse on Saturday last. Smith was unable to stand and is confined to his bed at Brighton, where he was training, by his physician's orders.

Smith's accident created quite a sensation as well as great disappointment.

Mitchell will probably agree to a postponement of the match until Smith's wound heals, or else claim a forfeit of the stakes, £200.

The battle thus postponed has been a theme of interest in sporting circles for several months past, and on this side of the ocean considerable money had been placed on the result.

The match was to have been with gloves for £2,000 and the championship of England.

Arrangements had been made to have it take place at Nanger's Amphitheatre, and tickets to the favored club were being sold at high prices.

The news of the postponement causes much wonder and disappointment, not unshared with the public.

The seconds and advisers for the two pugilists included Jack Kilrain, Sam Mace and Charley Howell for Mitchell, and Jack Baldock and Jack Harper for Smith.

Another London cable says: "Smith feels disgraced over his injury having challenged him, and it is possible that he will pick up the gauntlet provided Charley White, the Duke's scot, will find him the stakes."

Sporting men of the Victoria and Albert clubs are eager to see Kilrain and Smith battle again, and it is likely that £500 will be raised for Smith among the clubs, should his present lack of success be permanent.

It is estimated that about £12,000 has been bet on the Smith and Mitchell battle, and should Smith be fortunate enough to win he will be able to find a small fortune in stakes to meet Kilrain. The American champion is just as popular here as over, and should he be matched to meet Smith there will be the bank of England on his chances.

A BERTH FOR SHEARMAN.

THE COMPTROLLER CREATES A NEW OFFICE FOR HIM.

Both of ex-Mayor Hewitt's Commissioners of Accounts have been provided for in the Finance Department.

A new office has been created especially for the benefit of Wm. Pitt Shearman, and late this afternoon he was appointed by Comptroller Myers Supervisor of Accounts of the entire department.

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JUSTICE DEMANDS IT!

Judge Barrett's Vigorous Argument for Childhood's Protection.

He Would Go Even Further Than "The Evening World" Bill.

Arguments that the Bureaucrats Have Never Answered and Cannot Answer.

THE CHILDREN'S BILL.

(Drawn by a Leading Judge of the Supreme Court.)

7. All proceedings under this section (Sec. 291, Chap. 576, Laws of 1881, and Chap. 46, Laws of 1884), when a commitment shall have been made, shall be subject to review by any court of record, upon certiorari on the facts and the law, and in such a proceeding the commitment order or judgment may be affirmed or reversed or modified in such manner and to such extent as may seem best, or a rehearing of the charge ordered.

The above is the original draft of THE EVENING WORLD Children's Bill. It has been amended by the Assembly, so that all action under it must be taken within thirty days. This amendment renders the bill an extremely moderate one, and in view of it, the better bureaucratic opposition seems doubly unreasonable and unjust.

As a conclusive and overwhelming answer to the flimsy arguments brought against the bill, THE EVENING WORLD herewith publishes its authorized interview with Judge Barrett, whose long experience on the bench, and whose world-wide reputation as an upright judge and justice-lover give his opinion in such a matter exceptional weight and importance.

THE JUDGE BARRETT INTERVIEW.

"I have always thought that these commitments of children should be subject to revision. I have repeatedly, and with as much force as I could command, expressed my opinions on the subject, and a year ago I gave a very extended opinion on the matter."

The eminent jurist, ever in earnest, was very much in earnest as he said this, and his manner gave impressive as he continued:

IT IS A GREAT INJUSTICE.

"A very great injustice is being done by not giving the Supreme Court opportunity to review and pass upon these cases. The Supreme Court would do substantial justice," continued Judge Barrett. "There are sometimes very grave reasons why a child should be released. It may have been committed because of the poverty of its parents and their inability to provide for it, and they may have become better circumstanced; it may have been committed under a misapprehension and the truth revealed later on; it may have been committed on perjured testimony and be entitled to release. But the law as it now stands sets up an insurmountable bar. It says the commitment is irrevocable."

"IT IS ALMOST AN INFAMOUS LAW!" said the Judge.

"Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children," suggested the reporter, "has said that if the law is amended as THE EVENING WORLD desires, his Society will be compelled to abandon all such cases because it cannot afford to litigate them."

AN ANSWER TO MR. GERRY.

Judge Barrett's eyes flashed and his firm mouth closed tighter for an instant. Then he replied with energetic emphasis:

"IT WOULD BE BETTER, FAR BETTER, THAT THE SOCIETY BE WIPED OUT OF EXISTENCE THAN THAT THIS POWER FOR EVIL BE RETAINED BY IT FOR A SINGLE DAY!"

A QUESTION OF JUSTICE.

"Mr. Gerry and his Society have done a world of good in a wide field. The motives actuating them are of the noblest. BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER THAT THE SOCIETY'S POWERS BE TAKEN AWAY FROM IT THAN THAT IT BE PERMITTED TO TIGHTEN ITS GRASP ON A SINGLE CHILD. The Society is not satisfied with the power it has. It asks for more. It would be an autocrit. But there should be a stop made. The Society should not be absolute. A police magistrate should not be absolute."

HE WOULD GO FURTHER THAN THE AMENDMENT.

"There should be a balance of power between the parents and the Society, and above either," continued Judge Barrett. "The amendment proposed by 'The Evening World' is a good one, so far as it goes. I SHOULD GO FURTHER."

"There should be a power vested in the Supreme Court to send proceedings back to the magistrate or to review them and act upon the review. And the Court should be empowered to decide the case, not upon the review alone, but upon any new facts and changed circumstances and conditions as well. And the Court should be empowered to recommit or discharge or make other disposition of children in such cases."

"WHEN MR. GERRY SAYS HIS SOCIETY MUST ABANDON SUCH CASES HE TALKS NONSENSE. THERE NONSENSE. I AM HEARTILY IN FAVOR OF ANY CHANGE IN THE LAW WHICH WILL WORK A REMOVAL OF THIS AUTOCRATIC POWER FROM IRRESPONSIBLE HANDS AND PLACE IT IN A RESPONSIBLE TRIBUNAL," concluded the eminent jurist.

GROVER HONORED.

Justice Patterson Appoints Him on a Commission.

One of Three Who Will Estimate the New High Bridge Park.

Mr. Cleveland's Appointment Made Public This Morning.

Justice Edward Patterson, of the Supreme Court, has appointed Grover Cleveland, Charles Couderd and Leicester Holmes as Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of the High Bridge Park.

Fifty per cent. of the expenses of this new park will be levied on the property benefited, and the rest will be levied on the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Commonality of the city of New York.

There are 1,976 lots to be appraised. Eleven hundred and fifteen of them are situated above the new bridge at One Hundred and Eighty-first street, and 861 are below the bridge, between it and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

The old park is in the northwestern part of the city.

It is a long, comparatively narrow stretch of land. The old High Bridge Park, which is owned by the city now, is about the center of the projected park.

This old park is about quarter of a mile north and south and about one-eighth of a mile east and west.

The projected High Bridge Park as per chart of S. L. Chalm, topographical engineer for the property, to go into which the "three discreet and disinterested persons," Grover Cleveland, Charles Couderd and Leicester Holmes have to make assessment and estimate, is bounded as follows:

It begins at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, goes east to the north as Dyckman street, named after Isaac M. Dyckman, who owns about 600 lots in the neighborhood and who petitioned with a dozen others for the appointment of ex-Senator Eugene S. Vesey for a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment.

The western boundary is Edgemoor Road from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street up to One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, then Fort George avenue, which curves to the east, and Eleventh avenue to Dyckman street.

On the east the boundary line runs along parallel with the Harlem River on the west bank, about one hundred and fifty feet from the river.

AN EVENING WORLD reporter saw Judge Patterson this morning immediately after he had been appointed.

He was in the company of Messrs. Cleveland, Couderd and Holmes as Commissioners for the High Bridge Park, Judge Patterson.

"Noting except their fitness for the position of Vincenzo and his bride being in the front of the court in the morning."

JOSEPH BERTUCCI, Vincenzo's brother-in-law, who runs the fruit store in Mount Vernon, testified next.

He swore that Vincenzo and his wife returned to the fruit store from the florist's, and remained there until 7 o'clock p.m., when they had supper.

By Judge Curtis—When did they start for the store?

Miss Lulu Parrish, of Brooklyn, a pretty type of the young American girl, testified that on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1888, she was in Mount Vernon, and saw Vincenzo Quartararo and his wife about 7:45 p.m. at the depot.

Annie Farrell next testified to seeing Vincenzo and his wife at the New Haven depot about 7:45 p.m. on the night of the murder. She swore positively as to time and date, and repeated efforts on the part of Mr. Gott failed to shake her testimony.

William Parrish testified that he took the 7:45 train that night for New York, and that Miss Parrish and Miss Farrell were there to see him off.

Robert Pascoe, aged eighteen, of Mount Vernon, swore that he saw Vincenzo and his wife at the depot about 7:45 o'clock that night. Reeves was then taken.

This testimony proves that Quartararo could not have been at the scene of the murder.

Frequently during the trial the witnesses, when asked how they came to get in the train, turned and pointed to Vincenzo's words, saying that he had ferreted them out while engaged in refuting the matter.

A TWENTY-YEAR CONVICT ESCAPES.

Joseph Kenney, with a Good Hammer, Beats Connecticut's State Prison.

OFFICIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 1.—Joseph Kenney, sentenced at Bridgeport in 1865 to twenty years' imprisonment for assault, late escape, having broken his way out of the State Prison at Waterbury last night, with a hammer.

In the afternoon he changed his convict clothes for a workman's suit. He then reached the top of the prison wall and lowered himself by a rope to the ground below.

He walked to Hartford, where all trace was lost.

Kenney was in prison before on a life sentence for similar crime, but was pardoned by the Legislature in 1860.

A reward of \$100 is offered for his capture.

AS APRIL FOOL STORM.

The Snow Yesterday Was a Surprise to the Weather Bureau.

A white fog hovered in the streets and hung over the bay and the two rivers all this forenoon. It was not dense enough, however, to delay the ferry-boats, and none of the rapid transit elevated trains were more than fifteen minutes late.

The snow of yesterday was an April fool joke to the Weather Bureau. It fell in the morning, but melted away before noon. In all twenty-four hours, including the record in stormy springtime, the heaviest snowfall in New York City was only one inch.

Very Likely.

(From the Philadelphia Record.)

Clara—Poor, dear little Charley Smith called last night, and although only seventeen, he mustered up enough courage to propose. Then he said: "What do you say?"

Clara—"I brought him back to consciousness by giving him three glasses of papaw old Madeira. Ah! He probably fainted on purpose to get it."

A Necessary Hint.

(From the Philadelphia Record.)

Good Minister (making a pastoral call at Mrs. De Votion's)—Come here, my little daughter, can you tell me why all social festivities stop during the forty days of Lent?

Little Girl—Cause the winter clothes is worn out and the spring clothes isn't ready yet.

PROVING AN ALIBI.

Evidence Locating Quartararo on the Day of the Murder.

Witnesses Who Saw Him in Church and at a Florist's.

The Killing of Flaccio Morelli Likely to Prove a Great Mystery.

The trial of Vincenzo Quartararo, accused of complicity in the murder of Antonio Flaccio Morelli, in front of Cooper Union on the 14th of October last, drew even a larger crowd than on Friday to Part III. of the Court of General Sessions this morning.

Ex-Judge Curtis continued the defense of his client to-day.

Maggie Phelan, a pretty young woman, who resides in Mount Vernon, was the first witness called.

Quartararo, as usual, sat between his counsel, Messrs. Curtis and Astoria, and his faithful little wife sat behind him.

Miss Phelan testified that she saw Vincenzo and his wife at the Church of the Sacred Heart during the 10 A.M. mass on Sunday, Oct. 14, and saw them again about 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the vicinity of the church.

Cross-examined by Assistant District Attorney Gott, Miss Phelan was asked how she knew that Quartararo was accused of the murder.

"I read it in 'The World,'" she answered.

Q. Had you ever seen Quartararo at church before that Sunday, Oct. 14? A. Frequently.

Q. At the same service? A. Yes.

Edward Weimer was the next witness.

By Judge Curtis—Q. Where do you reside? A. In Mount Vernon.

Q. Have you ever seen Mr. and Mrs. Quartararo before to-day? A. Yes. They were in my place about 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, 1888, and bought some flowers.

Q. Was there any one else there? A. Yes. Two other gentlemen.

Cross-examined by Mr. Gott—How long have you been in business in Mount Vernon? A. Six years.

Q. Have you ever ridden to New York on the 7:45 train? A. Yes; frequently.

When Quartararo and his wife visited you did they say anything about being in a hurry to catch a train? A. No.

E. Friedman was called next. In answer to Judge Curtis's questions, said he was a dry-goods salesman in the city, and aware of seeing Vincenzo Quartararo, who was in a greenhouse in Mount Vernon purchasing flowers on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1888, between 4:30 and 5 o'clock.

Q. How long did they remain there? A. About fifteen minutes.

Q. Gott could not shake his testimony.

Emil Friedman, a brother of the last witness, testified next and substantiated the position of Vincenzo and his bride being in the front of the court in the morning.

JOSEPH BERTUCCI, Vincenzo's brother-in-law, who runs the fruit store in Mount Vernon, testified next.

He swore that Vincenzo and his wife returned to the fruit store from the florist's, and remained there until 7 o'clock p.m., when they had supper.

By Judge Curtis—When did they start for the store?

Miss Lulu Parrish, of Brooklyn, a pretty type of the young American girl, testified that on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1888, she was in Mount Vernon, and saw Vincenzo Quartararo and his wife about 7:45 p.m. at the depot.